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Helping Build Mississippi D. BOX 1640, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

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NUCLEAR PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Washington, D. C. 20555

Attention: Mr. Harold R. Denton, Director

Dear Mr. Denton:

SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station

Units 1 and 2

Docket Nos. 50-416 and 50-41

File: L-350.0/260

Vortex Testing of ESF Pumps

Ref. 1: AECM-81/458 dated November 24,

1981 AECM-82/123

In concert with Reference 1, Mississippi Power & Light (MP&L) has completed vortex testing as part of the preoperational testing on the Residual Heat Removal Pump "B" on February 23, 1982. The pump performance was satisfactory throughout the range of flows from pump start to pump rated flow of 8940 gpm. No suction pressure or discharge pressure fluctuations were noted during the maximum pump flow run. Observation by qualified startup engineering personnel at the pump suction in the suppression pool noted no vortexing during the entire performance of the test which was conducted at a suppression pool level of El. 107 ft.

It is MP&L's understanding that this satisfies our commitment in Reference 1 and the NRC's requirement in the SER, Appendix C, Item A-43 for vortex formation testing.

Yours truly,

Manager of Nuclear Services

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